

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

FCC must take punitive steps to stop and if necessary remove operating license of any broadcast company like Sinclair which attempts to violate the rules. If no action taken this will have grave consequences for the nation and will effect FCC credibility as a bystander to such clear violation.

Thank you.